CONVENTION HAS OPENED

Bo Held There--Reception of the Delegates on Their Arrival in the City-Afternoon Prayer and Praise Service at Elm Park Church-Address of President and Reports of State Officers Read at the Night Meetings.

Hundreds of delegates to the State Christian Endeavor convention reached Segunton vesterday. They began arriv ing early in the day, and after the early morning trains had nulled into the different stations this morning it was estionated that at least 2,500 of them were sheltered beneath Scranton roofs. Beraes moon today at least 1,000 and poswild, and more will arrive, so that a total of 3,500 or more stranger delearea will be within the confines of

Yesterday was given over especially to the receiving of the visiting throngs and the guiding of them to the churches where their henometers will be located and at the homes and hotels where they will be entertained during their stay in Scranton. There was a meeting of the state officers and executives in the afternoon when Easton was decided upon as the convention city next year.

In the evening the opening session were held in Elm Park church, the Frothingham theater and the Academy of Music. In each of these places President McCrory delivered his annual address. Secretary McDonald and Treasurer Raymore read their reports, and an address was delivered on "The Presence of Christ in this Convention." An address of welcome was also made and responded to at each meeting.

ARRIVAL OF THE DELEGATES.

The principal streets of the city preseried a lively appearance yesterday, beginning in the morning and extend-ing throughout the day and into the early evening. After midnight it was estimated that over 2,500 Christian En-deavorers from different parts of the state had arrived in the city. Yet so excellent were the arrangements of the re-ception committee that this vast throng of strangers were received and escorted to their respective places of entertain-ment without any of the confusion thich ordinarily attends the influx of to great a number of persons.

Each incoming train brought large delegations. It was noticeable that they were largely made up of women, most of them young women. Yet each party was accompanied by several more matronly looking women, and taen were not lacking on whom de-volved the duty of looking after the transfer of baggage. Among the first arrivals were Rev. J. T. McCrory, of Pittsburg, state president, and George McDonald, of Altoona, state secretary, They came Monday night.

Each delegation on its arrival was not at the station by one or more of the receptions guards and immediately escorted to the church to which it had been assigned. At the disposal of the reception committee were a number of carriages. These were utilized to con-vey the delegates to the churches in the Central City. Those delegations which had been assigned to churches in the sorburbs were conveyed thither on the cates at the church to which they had heren assigned they were met by one of the entertainment committees, warmly welcomed and then escorted to their places of entertainment, the hospitable homes of the Christian people of the city. Many of the delegates, however hose to go to hotels and boarding houses

An interesting feature of the recep tion of the delegates at the railway stations was the singing of the recep tion song by the squad of the reception committee. This was the cause of much wonderment to the traveling public as was evidenced when, from the crowded train from the west on the Lackawanon, at 3.38, about fifty delegates alight Immediately they were greeted by

the reception squad and the notes of the song soon followed the brief but hearty words of greeting. Instantly every yindow in the coaches were raised and look of surprise made mute inquiry

as to the cause of the greeting. Each delegation as it left the station was preceded by the reception squad, some member of which bore a banner designating the county from which the delegates came. The rooms of the Young Men's Christian association, where the headquarters of the commit-tee of '96 are, were visited by many of the delegatesthroughout the day. There they were warmly welcomed by them bers of the reception committee and many of them were taken on sight seeing excursions about the city.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the state president, Rev. J. T. McCrory D. D. of Pittaburg, called to order the meet-ling of the state executive committee in the north parlors of the Young Men's Christian association building. The pathering was composed of twenty persons, state officers and presidents city and county unions.

Convention committees were appointed to make nominations and to draft resolutions. The officers are chosen by this committee and will be presented ratification to the three meeting

n Thursday morning. During the day the Allentown and Easton delegations had been striving to have their respective cities selected for the convention of next year. The former were represented by a few enthusiasts who lacked the endorsement of certain necessary organizations and officials of their city, while the Easton onicials of their city, while the Easton-ers were loaded and primed with all manner of prestige. The Allentown peo-ple admitted defeat early in the after-noon and made no application to the executive committee, with the result that the Easton delegates had clear walling.

Easton was the unanimous choice, but the selection will not be officially announced until during the meetings

interntional convention at San

church. The business of the executive committee, however, kept him away, and the meeting was led by Charles E. Daniels of this city, chairman of the committee of '96. It lasted but twenty minutes and consisted of a scripture reading and several prayers, the Jenor which was to invoke divine blessing

THE FIRST SESSIONS.

In Elm Park Church, Prothingham and Academy -- Reports of Officers.

From 7 until 9.50 last night were held the opening sessions of the convention in Elm Park church, the Frothingham theater and the Academy of Music. At each meeting President McCrory delivered his annual address and reports were read by State Secretary Me Donald and State Treasurer Raymore They will be found entire in another column. In each place there was an eldress of welcome by a prominent local Endeavor and a response by a vi-cinity delegate of wide repute, singing by sections of the united choir and ad dresses on a set topic for the night. "The Presence of Christ in this Conven-

Eim Park church contained the largest audience, the seating capacity be-ing almost wholly occupied; there was a fair-sized audience at the Frothinghave but the same cannot be said of the

IN THE ELM PARK CHURCH

When the secsion in Elie Park church opened the main auditorium was most filled. That was at 7 o'clock, within half an hour later the galler ies were occupied by the late arrivals so that when the session was in full swing the whole of the big interior might be described as occupied to its fullest capacity.

In the way of decorations the profes-

sional draper had had ample opportun-ity to exercise his proficiencies to the fullest—and he did it well. Elm Park church, always inspiring and beautiful had been given an added embellishmen out in a neat and tasteful way. Th



gospel vocalists, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lowe, of Washington, D. C. They rendered in a way that could not fail to evoke considerate heartiness and impulse that inspiring hymn "Saved By Grace," Then followed the congregational singing of the gospel hymn, "Sweet Peace."

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WHAT IT MUST DO.

This convention will mean nothing unless it brings about a renewed zeal and a consecrated effort within and without the individual society. The convention will be nothing but "sounding brass or tinkling cymbals" unless the delegates leave the city with a determination to do more work "For Christ and the Church" in the coming year and to broaden the lines of Christian Endeavor. The cause which we are representing here tonight means to each of us individually only a proportionate benefit to the energy, enthusiasm and consecrated effort we put into it. Therefore, I want to give two thoughts, in just two words, for the convention—"Work" and "Win." Work for the cause in which we are enlisted, "For Christ and the Church," and win others to the same service.

To me has fallen the pleasant duty of

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To me has fallen the pleasant duty of welcoming you to the city, in behalf of the committee of '36. More than two years ago the workers of this city had a vision

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Frothingham and Academy.

EASTON SCORES A VICTORY

State Executive Committee Decides

That the Convention of '97 Shall

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which is being fulfilled tonight. They saw in the distant future Pennsylvania's shorts of Endeavorers gathered in this city in convention. Now comes the realization. Scranton's hospitality is known far and wide, and to none is the hand of welcome more gladly or heartily extended than to the noble band who come here in the name of Christian Endeavor. We have been expecting you; and have been benefitted ourselves in preparing for you. I need not tell you that the city welcomes you. The decorations of our business houses silently bespeak to you the greeting of delegations was referred to the transportation committee which was given power to act.

Dr. McCrory was supposed to have conducted the prayer and praise service beginning at 4 o'clock in Elm Park church. The business of the executive committee, the songs of the conducted the prayer and praise service beginning at 4 o'clock in Elm Park church. The business of the executive committee, however, kept him away.

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I can greet you in the name of more than the committee I represent. In behalf of the oblest society in the state and the circh in the world—the society of the Plymouth Congregational church of this city, of which I am a member—I bid you a hearty welcome. More than fourteen years old, that society tonight, feeling honored by the nosition it occupies, greets its ored by the position it occupies, greets its sister societies warmly and sincerely. For the committee of 36, let me say but a brief word, for its work speaks more plainly than what I might say. We have been working under the motto "The Lord, our God, will we serve, and His voice will we obey." We give this verse to you as a convention thought and may easy one our God, will we serve, and His voice will we obey." We give this verse to you as a convention thought, and may every one carry it home to live it out. You are well-comed, heartily, by the committee of '%, which has labored fourteen months to prepare for your coming. Finally, in the name of the twenty-three senior and sixteen junior societies in the City union-seven more than we had a year ago-d greet you and welcome you to Scranton, the Electric City, of which we are justly prood, and our wish is that you may find your stay here as pleasant as we trust it will be profitable.

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Again, let me give the two thoughts "Work" and "Win," If every delegate puts into effect those thoughts, the influence of this convention will radiate over the entire state till societies and communities shall be the better for the convention having been held. You are welcomed, cortially and sincerely to our city. Applause followed the conclusion of Applause followed the conclusion of Mr. Daniel's address. An added im-pulse was given to the meeting by the choir's singing of a "Welcome Song." There were about 109 Jagers and their voices were guided by Director Chance from a position beneath the pulpit. The effect of the song reached its climax

when during the concluding chorus each of the one hundred singers waved a flag in time to the music. Again there was applause, a thing somewhat un-usual in church gatherings, but which seemed to prevail in Elm Park church

RESPONSE TO THE ADDRESS. Then was the response by Rev. J. F. Hartman, of Altoona, one of the state vice-presidents, to Mr. Daniel's address of welcome. He is a speaker of much

feeling and intensity and said:

Mr. President and Fellow Crusaders

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It affords me great pleasure to respond in a few words, to the sweet words of greeting and welcome that have fallen upon our ears. I need not say that we have expected a warm welcome from this city, and we should have been disappointed if it had not been forthcoming. When you invited us here one year ago we listened to your plea and were captivated and captured by it.

For twelve months we have had our eyes upon this city. You have been in our thoughts and prayers, and now we are here. It scarcely required any words of yours to assure us that you are glad to see us. On all sides, and wherever we go, we see the cordiality of your greeting, and the sincerity of your welcome—we feel that you mean what you say. We are very happy in being with you tonight, to share with you the good things prepared for this feast. If you are as glad to have us here as we are to be with you, then are we indeed truly happy and mutually satisfied. I need scarcely say, that we highly appreciate all you have done to make us comfortable whist in your midst. What we see tonight on every hand, evidence your interest and activity. We have come from all part of the Keystone state to spend a few days with you. state to spend a few days with you

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of Scranton, Chairman of the Committee of '95.

preponderance of the decoration was confined to gilt trimmed velvet draperies of light blue and the deepest of blood red which concealed the gallery railings and suspended from the archway which separates the auditorium into two apartmefits were flags and bunting. Back of the chancel and in front of the rostrum, almost hiding the pulpit was a collection of paims.

While the name of Rev. J. T. McCrory, D. D., the state president appeared on the programme as the presiding officer, the opening praise and devotional service was conducted by Rev. G. E. Guild, of the Providence Presbyterian church. The service was it troduced by two songs, in which the rendition was under the lead of the central city section of the united choir, under the direction of its instructor and leader, Prof. J. M. Chance, the organist of the Second Presbyterian church.

PRAYER BY REV. MR. GUILD.

There was read a chapter from the scriptures by Mr. Guild, who followed the reading with a prayer. But the real interest and enthusiasm of the service appeared with the singing of the two gospel vocalists. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lowe, of Washington, D. C. They rendered in a way that could not fail to evoke considerate heartiness and insulate that the insulate stations are properly and the provide of the great and ever-enlarging kingdom of service and are trying to follow the leadership of the Son of God, Willing to do with the other, but we refolice even more with the other, but we refolice

PRAYERS FOR WORK.

The work, locally as well as in general, has our prayers and best co-operation, lidiced our hearts are gladdened and our zeal intensited as we march together for the conquest of the world, in obedience to the loving command of Him, whose we are and whom we serve. It is exceedingly gratifying that the young people of the church are so wonderfully aroused in these last days of the pressing President McCrory then assumed charge of the service and said he took great pleasure in introducing Charles E. Daniels, who would extend a welcome to the visiting delegates. Since the first thought of the convention for Scranton Mr. Daniels, chairman of the committee of '95, had been one of the chief workers and prime convention movers. He has received many compliments, but must have been gratified and encouraged by the volume of applause which greeted the pronouncing of his name. Mr. Daniels said:

Nine years ago in the Second Presbyterian church, a black and a half from where we are assembled fonight, the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union held its second annual convention. What have the proven the right of Christian Endeavor to exist in this grant old Commonwealth? In algebra, we learn that x represents an unknown quantity. To an extent, Christian Endeavor in Pennsylvania in the years ago was an unknown quantity. To an extent, Christian Endeavor for Pennsylvania in the years ago was an unknown quantity, it was in its fancy, and had not shown whether its results would be commensurate with its purposes. But the years have brought forth magnificent results. From the little acount of less than 200 delegates in the city at that the has grown the mighty oak of thousands of Endeavorers here tonight, Pennsylvania is the keystone of these than 200 delegates in the city at that the has grown the mighty oak of thousands of Endeavorers here tonight, Pennsylvania is the keystone of these than 200 delegates in the city at that the has grown the mighty oak of the societies of the world.

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The good doctor was in despair as to what adjectives she would have left with which to describe the summit. But at this point she lifted up her eyes and hands to the God of the great mountain in a supplicating attitude and said: "O!" O!" I have been praying that we may have here that which is beautiful, that which is grand, that which is sublime, that which is cverwhelmingly potential. And my prayer now is that we may be taken up to that mountain of outlook where we shall see our duty more clearly than ever and the needs of this old world, and then in the spirit of the "Man of Galilee" go forth to do more than

ever, to bless and save a suffering, sor-rowing and sinning race, "And they were all with one accord in one piace. And sud-denly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting; and there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utter-ance."

It was Mr. Hartman's privilege to introduce President McCrory as "one t whom every Pennsylvania Endeavore owed a debt for splendid and magnifi-cent leadership." Dr. McCrory was complimented, at Mr. Hartman's sug-

gestion, by the Chatauqua salute, the waving of handkerchiefs. Introductory to his address, an an-nual event, on "The Deepening Moral Earnestness of Christian Endeavor." Dr. McCrory paid a handsome compli-ment to Scranton and Elm Park church. He said if he desired to change his location of work or his denominational faith he would like to come to Scranton and Elm Park church. After re questing a drink of water from some one on the platform he remarked that



W. W. INGLIS, Scranton, Chairman of the Entertain

if he was in a Baptist church he would not have to ask for the fluid. He had to make two more addresses before bedtime and supposed there would be a notification sent out to keep a good high pressure in the water mains.

CLOSE OF HIS ADDRESS. His introductory levity, however, was widely at variance with the close of his address, when he remarked that it was the last time he would speak to the delegates in his present position and when he urged upon them to firm-ly grasp the importance of his address

Dr. McCrory, at the conclusion of his address, left the church to appear be-fore the audiences at the Frothingham theatre and Academy of Music. Thereafter Mr. Hartman, who responded to

the address of welcome, presided.
Professor and Mrs. Lowe sang "Jesus Will Be With Us All the Way."
At this point Secretary McDonald and Treasurer Raymore were introduced and read their reports. Miss Black and Miss Garrigan, the soprano and contralto soloists of the Second Presbyterian church, sang in duet, "Send Showers of Blessing," the choir and audience joining in the chorus and sending up a hearty song of welcome much greater than is usually heard even in church auditoriums.

The address topic that prevailed in

the other places of meeeting, "The Presence of Christ in This Convention." was discussed by Rev. W. E. McMillan, D. D., of Allegheny. The basis of his thought was that neither evangelists nor revivalists can receive God's help without spiritual conviction. He said without spiritual conviction. He said in part

While invitations have been extended to persons throughout the breadth of the state to be present here for the next few days. I would like to ask, has Christ been asked? That is not a question to put to days, I would like to ask, has Christ been asked? That is not a question to put to a state officer or the executives in the same sense as to you, delegates. I ask as did the Jews, "What think ye, will the blessed Master come to the feast?" It depends on you, not collectively, but individually. We desire it, I do not doubt, but are we as sanguine of our spiritual as we are enthusiastic in the anticipation of our desires? Do we desire it and at the same time know what would be our feeling and thoughts were Christ here in the flesh?

He does not demand that we shall be wholly pure and worthy, else how could we enjoy His coming? But he does ask that we desire to be made worthy. As Spurgeon says, "When you ask to be soul winners 'ye must know what ye sak;" you must know what it is to be saved. If we would be evangelists and soul winners we must know what it is to have Christ lift us up. We must have, not self-confidence, but the confidence that is God-given.

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"Worthiness" is not the condition of the Lord's coming; the condition is absolute self-abnegation, the spirt of unworthiness. It is God's work. Let us get out of the way and be only instruments in His hands; human ability is not the spirt of God by any means. Do we know that it is the infinitely Holy one we are inviting and that He cannot come in until the place of His entre is fit to receive Him? The monster of sin must go; the Lord cannot abide in his presence. What soul would hesitate to accept of this offer? It is not necessary that you should do the purging; the Son of God will do that, for it is only necessary that we display our willingness for the Kingly presence to come in.

It was 9.30 o'clock, a half-hour later than the time scheduled, when the ses-sion adjourned with the pronouncing of the benediction by Mr. Hartman

IN THE FROTHINGHAM THEATRE.

Rev. George B. Stewart, D. D., o Harrisburg, presided over the meet-ing at the Frothingham. The beautiful theater was rendered doubly attractive by the pretty decorations of purple, blue and gold tapestry which hung in graceful folds from the boxes and balconies. On each side of the stage was a mass of evergreen plants and from the top of the proscenium arch to the upper gallery extended folds of

red and white bunting.

The first floor of the theater was well filled when the exercises began at the early hour of 7. Later in the evening the first balcony also became filled and before the services closed all parts of the house contained sufficient memhers to warrant the attendance being

described as large.
On the stage was seated the North
End section of the United choir, led by
Chorister Rees Watkins, Miss Clancy. of Providence, played the accompani

ments. The meeting was opened by praise and devotional exercises ied by Rev. Newman Matthews, of this city, who read a scriptural lesson from the first chapter of Revelations, following this by a short, fervent prayer. Preceding these services the choir sang.

The address of welcome was delivered by Rev. W. H. Stubblebine, of this city, who was introduced by Rev. Dr. Stewart. Rev. Mr. Stubblebine spoke

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

city, who was introduced by Rev. Dr. Stewart. Rev. Mr. Stubblebine spoke as follows:

Endeavorers of Pennsylvania:—We surrender. The city is yours. For one year we have known of the onslaught you were planning to make upon our city, but though forwarned we are not forearmed. We are at your mercy. Instead of garrisoning and fortifying our city you have found every avenue of entrance open and you have entered as a conquering army amid loud exultations and praise. Were it possible, like Jacob of old, who would have detained his heavenly visitant, so we, too, would lay hold upon you and prevent you from departing, for we look upon you as heaven sent messengers of God, hearers of message of infinite importance to us individually and to our city.

Entertaining such a high opinion of you it is hardly necessary I should say to you tonight that you are welcome, thrice welcome to our city and to all it contains. Waving banners, and floating streamers and smilling countenances everywhere declare in unmistakable tones the depth of

interest felt in the assembling together of the Endeavorer hosts in this city. At the Elm Park Methodist Eniscopal church, Mr. Daniels, chairman of the committee of 'Si, is speaking in behalf of those who have labored in unity for the success of this convention during the past year. What that committee has accomplished will be clearly revealed to you as the convention progresses. It has been to the committee a labor of love, and though demanding much of our time and energy, we shall feel amply repaid if what we have done shall result in an outpouring of God's spirit in Penteostal streams and the quickening of your souls in Christ.

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In the Academy of Music Captain W. A. May, a member of the official board of the Elm Park Methodist Episcopal church, in which one of the sessions of the convention are held, and also president of the board of trade, is extending a welcome on behalf of the city. While I am here tonight as a representative of the clergy of the city to assure you that we, as a body, rejoice in your coming and bid you a hearty welcome to all our churches and pray that your coming may be a benediction to the religious life of our city, I can assure you that as pastors of the churches of this city, we have watched with interest the work of our young people as they have planned for this gathering and we are sure that they are the better for having done so. There has been much adverse criticism of our great annual gatherings, some of which is no doubt justified, not through any inconsistency on the part of Endeavorers, but on the part of those who are not of us but take advantage of the gatherings to get a cheap outing. But when the good received anil work done is considered then we say that the time and energy and money spent is not in vain. No, no, far from it. Could some of the old saints, who lie in their musty tombs, come forth and witness the fervor and enthusiasm of an assembly as this; if they could return to our prayer-meetings and see how they are conducted now, how they would look and wonder. There is no long pauses and waitings for the Spirit to move them. We go into the meetings with the spirit already quickened and the only thing is to contain ourselves. We want to speak, we must speak, we will speak. I am only young in the ministry, and I am looking forward with much pleasure to the time when the Endeavorers of the present day will be the leaders of the church and members of the governing boards. It will be a delight then to work.

As a pastor we welcome you because of that for which you stand. My time is so limited that I can dwell upon but two rea-

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limited that I can dwell upon but two reasons why we welcome you to our city,
our churches and our homes.

THE TIE THAT BINDS.

That which binds us together in our va-leavor is that name which is above every name, and before which adoring angels and multitudes of redeemed ones bow and name, and before which adoring angels and multitudes of redeemed ones bow and praise. Christ, "Immanuel with us," For Christ, Bishop Marshall says, "What I aim at is this, "To live is Christ, to be Christ in the world, to be like Christ, to be of Christ, to be in Christ's stead, to show Christ's presence, to do Christ's work. This is the great object of life; and often I think I would be glad to live on, and on, and on, and on, to live for the world's sake, to live for my friend's sake, to live for my friend's sake, to live for the burpose of doing a little more good to the world." These words but express the sentiment, I take it, of every Endeavorer within this city tonight. You are here as exponents of a living principle. You are here as witnesse of an immortal truth; you are here to show forth the power of God which is able to save even to the ultermost all who come unto Christ Jesus. You are here to exait Christ in your life, and to inject the principles of righteousness and truth into the civic life of our city. I can assure you that while our city is beautiful, still there is vast room for improvement in the political life, and we trust that your presence may put to shame corruption and trickery and make it hide its hideous head beneath the darkness of night.

Every convention has had its motto. That of Washington was "Saved to Serve." I would like here tonight to sound out the motto of this convention and I would have it be this, "Saved to Save." Let me emphasize this "Saved to Save." Let me emphasize this "Saved to Save." You will notice in your programme that there is an open parliament with the theme, "One

have it be this. "Saved to Save." Let me emphasize this "Saved to Save." You will notice in your programme that there is an open parliament with the theme, "One thousand new societies organized and ten thousand souls saved this year by the Endeavorers of Pennsylvania. What a glorious theme. How the denizens of heaven will resound with the exulting shouts of the angelic chorus as they sing of the conversion of souls. Endeavorers, heaven will have one grand festal during the whole year if this theme is fulfilled. Now that is the inspiration we want you to catch while in this convention. We want you to put it into practice right here in this convention, we want you in the evangelistic meetings to go personally for men and women and entreat them in the name of Christ and for the sake of their souls, to turn to God and be saved. I would this were the controlling passion of your lives.

A PASSION FOR SOULS.

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Oh, that every Endeavorer should at this convention get a passion for souls. That you would not cease toiling and praying for souls until they were won for Christ and His church, Christian Endeavorism is killing the selfishness of the age. Men are willing to undertake anything, are willing to venture their all in any scheme which promises large returns in age. Men are willing to undertake anything, are willing to venture their all in any scheme which promises large returns in the increase of their worldly wealth or social prestige. The first question concerning any movement is, "Will it pay," that is in money or in some other tangible way. But here few are concerned about the sad fact that demon rum is cursing our fair land, blighting many fond hopes, wrecking many lives, ruining many lives and filling countless graves with drunkards who shall never enter the kingdom of heaven. What care they for the fact that the multitude who are enslaved with evil passions are crawding the way that leads to eternal destruction. Are they to incommode themselves; are they to go out of their way to help stem the cising tide of iniquity and help break assunder the shackles that bind them? No, they have enough to do to make their own election and calling sure. But thank God the Endeavorers are coming along with banners waving, shouting aloud the battle cry "For Christ and the Church," No crusading army ever marched toward Jerusalem with those inspiring words, "in Hoe Signo Vinees," waving them onward, than does those magic words, "For Christ and Church," inspire you, soldiers of the cross in your onslaughts against sin and the salvation of souls.

It is thus and for this reason, Endeavthe salvation of souls. It is thus and for this reason, Endeav-

It is thus and for this reason, Endeavorers, that we welcome you to our midst. "Who is it that, when years are gone by, we remember with the purest gratitude and pleasure? Not the learned or elever, but those who have had the force of character to prefer the future to the present, the good of others to their own pleasure. Give us a character on which we can thoroughly depend, which we are sure will not fail us in time of need, which we know to be based on principle and on the fear of God, and it is wonderful how many brilliam and popular and splendid qualities we can safely and gladly dispense with." (Stanley.)

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There are men who seek to win immortal praise and fame in the realm of letters, or politics, or finance. Men may call them great, but their greatness is of the earth earthly. But the greatness is of the earth earthly. But the greatness to which you should aspire should be that which comes through service to the Masser, it may be little that you can do, but whatever you do, be it ever so fittle, if it is done in the name of the Masser even to the giving of a cup of cold water, it will not lose its reward.

Let me conclude with another quotation: "The chief reason for the ineffectiveness of many educated men in the modern world is intellectual cowardice in the presence of the imperfections of life; and the world is waiting today for men who, with all their equipment of call are maintain a robust and gemeine hope. The Samaritan plain, by the well of Jacob, in hot and dry one day before Jesus and his friends. The seen had just been planted, and it gave as yet no signs of life. But the Master read in the hidden signs of life own time the certainty of the fource, before His mighty hope the sterile fields already waved their tassels of ripenesi grain. Laft no your eyes, cries the prophete optimist to his undiscerning and unwleaming ang, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are white already to my harvest."

Remember this then, Endeavorers, and

to my harvest.

Remember this then, Endeayorers, and with unfilehing loyalty to Christ and His church press on in your God given work that with the return of another year's convention we shall feel our hopes realized in the conversion of 10,000 souls.

At the close of Rey, Mr. Stubblebine's address, Chorister Watkins' choir of well-trained voices sang another hymn and then Rev. Dr. Stewart made response to the greeting of Rev. Mr. Stubblebine. Dr. Stewart said that the Christian Endeavor delegates assembled in this city were here for a good cause, to obtain all of the inspiration for the Master's work possible, and, although perhaps there might be some in the city who looked on their coming with disfavor, yet he was confident that good would result to the city by their presence, even though the saloonkeep-ers' coffers were not filled thereby. Then of the work of the organization,

he spoke of its great influence in build-

ing up and strengthening Christian

THE ANNUAL REPORTS At the close of his remarks he intro-duced George McDonald, of Altoona, state secretary, who read his annual report. H. J. Raymore, of Erie, state treasurer, followed with his report. Dr. Stewart made good use of a de-lay of about fifteen minutes, caused by the tardy arrival of Rev. J. T. Mc-Crory, president of the union, whose annual address was next in order. A portion of the time he consumed in ex-

annual address was next in order. A portion of the time he consumed in exhorting Endeavorers to more earnest and active work and the rest of the interval was occupied by the choir in singing several hymns, in which the audience joined.

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President McCrory's address was instened to with close attention and was warmly applauded at its close.

Rev. I. H. McGann, of Lewisburg, delivered the closing address. His subject was "The Presence of Christ in This Convention." Rev. Mr. McGann works of College.

spoke as follows: REV. MR. M'GANN'S ADDRESS. It was early in the morning of the third day following the crucifixion that the Mary's had brought sweet spices in order to annoint the dead body of Jesus. They expected to find his body in the grave, but behold the stone was rolled away, the body was gone and instead heavenly personages grantled lighted explained the but behold the stone was rolled away, the body was gone and instead heavenly personages guarded, lighted, explained the emptiness, and directed the eager ministrations of the women not to annoint the dead but to announce the living. In that sweet fear which owes the mind, but which in reaction and after thought gives intense joy and satisfaction, they retrace their steps to announce another angelic message, this time not Jesus is born, but Jesus is risen—with the message on their lips and the facts beating with ecstacy in their breasts, they proceed on their mission, when without warning, without the sound of a footfall, without a moment's time to think, Jesus met them with that beautiful salutation all hait. He was alive, He was there. They fell at his feet, clasped them, and worshipped Him, Fears gave way to joy, doubts to assurance, hope to realization, faith to possession. It vouched the Father's approval, as well as the power, glory and divinity of Jesus.

HOPE OF THE HOUR.

The presence of Jesus is the hope of the hour, and the glory of our confidences. With Jesus in our mind there can be no With Jesus in our mind there can be no dull hour, no weeping Mary's, no down-east disciple, no crushed hope. Those spiritually dead will be quickened. Tremb-ing souls will await His rapture in per-fect composure, and the influence of this conviction will be unlimited for good. Oh, that He now would say, "All hail." feet composure, and the influence of this conviction will be unlimited for good. Oh, that He now would say, "All hail!" Let us never be satisfied, neither give the throne of grace peace until it can be truly said, "Jesus is with us."

The question is will he be here? What hope may we reasonably entertain that His spirit will prevail in the hearts of the individuals of this assemblage. Our numbers are great—but will He be here? What advantage is numbers without His presence? Surely we will be dry bones in the valley of Jehosaphat—dry wells in the valley of Jehosaphat—dry beats only in the valley of Jehosaphat—dry beats on the valley of Jehosaphat—dry wells in the valley of Jehosaphat—dry beats on the valley of Jehosaphat—and however, but be here?

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Our organization may be perfect, the programme carried out to the letter; our committee work out every detail of business; our speakers confine themselves to their subjects and speak with fervorstill the question remains will He be here. Our cause may be a righteous one; our anxiety to do good intense; our hearts bleeding for a sinful world, and still the question remains. Organization will not deliver Him. Sacred songs may not be voiced by clean lips. Enthusiasm may not influence Him, but blessed be His holy name. A "lowly spirit and a contrine heart He will not despise."

Will He be here? It is possible for Him to be present. He is risen from the dead and standeth on the right hand of God, but His spirit, which is His glory, power, dominion, presence, is not limited by place, time or stance. The sweet singer of Is-

eth, thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, or whither it goeth; so in every one that is born of the spirit, without waring, without the sound of a footfall Jesus meets you, and His presence is evident. You have been met in the busy parts of great cities; in hamlets nestling by running brooks and under overhanging mountains; in the plain meeting house built by your forefathers near the grove; in quiet nooks and solitary places, If He met you there He can met with you here.

It is more than probable that Jesus will be here. Already we have invited Him. Before we placed our feet within the limits of this beautiful mountain city we asked Him to meet with us. While rushing through the valleys, climbing wonderful grades and plunging through great tunnels, we cried unto the Lord, meet with us in the great convention to be held at Scranton. Our arguments were the words of His own mouth. Tor without me ye can do nothing," and "where two or three meet together in my mame, there am I in the midst of them." I believe He will heed our invitation, and give ear unto our cry, for He is God and cannot lie. Let us keep on pressing our invitation, for He may say it is not meet to cast the children bread to dogs. We will again meet Him and say, crimbs will do, O. Lord, crumbs will do, and dogs have a right to them.

Again Jesus knows we have great need of Him. Our helplessness is almost proverbial, but His compassion endureth forever, the battle between the sons of God and the sons of men is on with determined resistence. We have need of Him who and the sons of men is on with determined resistence. We have need of Him who stayed the sun beyond its time of setting stayed the sun beyond its time of setting over the yalley of Ajalon, and there the dragon from the battlements of heaven, He knows that without Him the sun of our hope will set, and satan's host will lead to victory. We need Him because we are easily discouraged, helpless without hope, dead without faith, list without succor. Our hope is in the fact that He will not break the bruised reed nor quench the smoking flax. He gives no stone for a loaf, no serpent for a lish, but the spirit of power to them that felt their need of Him.

THOSE HE IS SEEKING.

We have those here whom He is seek We have those here whom He is seeking. He knows lite own and His own shall
receive Him in this day of drace. I have
come to seek and save that which is lost,
there are those here who are lost. No ray
of hope ever penetrated through the lattice works of their hearts. Faith has
never opened the door to let the Savior in.
It is dark, dismal and damp in their house.
Sick in mind and faith in heart, yet they
hope for health and strength. As certainly as there are lost souls here, so truly is
Jesus here present. He has not yet moved
with great power, but He is ready to you
now. Some are here who brought Him with

Some are here who brought Him with them, this is the joy and hope of the hour. His abiding presence in the hearts of the believer is the blessing of their wandering bodies. He has come with such from distant churches, homes and secret closefs. Such of you as feel His abiding presence must tell it to the rest of the disciples. The spirit is ready to use your tongues to speak unto your fellows the yows of assurance. You are the shikanlash hanging over the merry seat, and the voice of the Lord will after his sources from the depth of your illuminated hearts. Filled with the Holy Ghost any one of you can stir the multitude, and cause men to cryout, men and brethren what shall we need to be saved—we look to you for hlessed powers and spiritual benefitcures. One more reason, Jesua has been gra-One more reason. Jesus has been gra-ciously present in the past, is He not the same Lord that moved the hearts of men when Luther, Wesley and Spurgen preached the Gospel. Do we not well same Lord that moved the highest of men-when Luther. Wesley and Spurgen preached the Gospel. Do we not well remember the weeping congregations, when God acknowledged His word with might and power. It is the same Gospel that threw down the pagan walls of Rome-and built up the walls of Zion to their present glorious dimensions. God can-not, will not deny Himself. Like Balanm, men may desire evil, but they cannot frus-trate the will of God. What He has done in the past He will do again. I have faith not, will not deny Himself. Like Balaam, men may desire evil, but they cannot frustrate the will of God. What He has done in the past He will do again. I have faith in His everlasting goodness and mercy, the promise is unto the children and children's children. His hand is not slack like is man's hand. Let us prepare the altar and the wood and yield the sacrifice and the fire of heaven will kindle and consume it.

Are we able to recognize His presence? When the disciples felt their nets filling with great fishes, John whispered to Peter it is the Word, for they know not who it was. Immediately Peter cast himself into the sea and made for the shore. Many here may not know the Lord, although He is present. John loved Him and therefore he was the first to recognize Him. We may not love Him deep enough, or not know His ways of working to recognise His presence and power even while the net is being filled by the word of His Grace. Let us take a few moments in learning some points to know Him.

What power brought us from the four corners of this great state to meet in this convention. The flower of the youth of our Endeavor work has here assembled. What strange speil prompted you to spend your time and money to some here? Was it the name Christian Endeavor? Was it by the authority and power of our excellent state president? Could it be the desire of having a good time in the fiesh? No. While we love the name Christian Endeavor, and cherish a fondness for our president, and are not stoics enough to despise that which is lawfully agreeable to the body, it was not those that started us for this convention, it was not even the great wealth of this city; its novel sights; its surrounding scenery, nor even its people, but it was, is and ever shail be, the power? As I look over this audience. I hear the grand proclamation sound strangely in my ears, "and I when I be lifted up will draw all men unto me." Oh, it is the power of the light and love streaming from the cross that has drawn us together, and I pity the soul that may have come here from any other reason.

What you will do while attending this convention will indicate whether Jesus is present. Men and women filled with the spirit of Christ are peculiar in their labors. They differ from the rest of the World. They show their faith by their works, Let me see you go to annolm the Lord's work with the ointment of consecration in your hands, and I shall know that Jesus is present w HAST THOU FORSAKEN.

Jesus can be recognized by his drawings upon your heart's affections. Sometimes

you ask with the poet;

"Do I love the Lord, or no?"

You are almost led to cry, my Savior, my
Savior, why hast Thou forsaken me?
Your prayers strike against an overhanging rock. The mind is a veritable blank in holy recollections. Flesh warreth against the spirit with telling effect, and we ask who shall deliver us from the body of this death. Satan cries in our ears, lost, lost, lost! Wicked men grin at our apparent hypocrisy, and we are ashamed of Jesus. The carnal mind says it is folly for such an one to hope for victory over the flesh and the world and the devil. But thanks be to the Lord Jesus Christ for His unspeakeble grace. He opens to the mind the eternal riches of His mercy, and the grave of Gethsemane, the blood of Calvary, the victory of the resurrection morn, the pleading power of the Son at the Father's throne, the declaration. I have come to save the sinner, and none shall pluck those the Father gave me from my home, revises the faded love, and our hearts again glow with renewed spiritual life. My heart loved Him when he found me, and I thought it was an everlasting love. I wept. I loved Him so earnestly. There was mone in earth could be compared to because heaven or earth could be compared to Him. I knew He saved my soul, for no other reason than His love for me was so unbounded, I hope, I pray we may you ask with the poet:
"Do I love the Lord, or no?" voiced by clean lips. Enthusiasm may not influence Him, but blessed be His holy name. A "lowly spirit and a contrite heart He will not despise."

Will He be here? It is possible for Him to be present. He is risen from the dead and standeth on the right hand of God, but His spirit, which is His glory, power, dominion, presence, is not limited by place, time or space. The sweet singer of israel sang, "Wither shall I go from thy presence. If I ascend up into heaven thou are there. If I make my bed in hell, behold thou are there. If I make my bed in hell, behold thou are there. If I make my bed in hell, behold thou are there. If I take the wings of morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me." Yes, it is possible for Jesus to be here.

The NO HINDRANCE.

Our inability to locate Him is no hindrance. He finds us, we cannot find Him. Although we are commanded to seek Him, our seeking is only the preparation of our rebel hearts for the discovery of Himself to us. We are gropers in the darkness, in solitary places, in gardens of the dead on his skulls, but we know that such are met by Him with a glorious "All hail." "The wind bloweth where it listeth, thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, or whither it goeth; so in every one that is born of the spirit, without waring, without the sound of a footfall leaves."

One more mark of recognition. You will know Him by Christ reigning in you, When He sways the scepter from the center of your being, over every power, desire, resolve, bringing every thought into captivity to Himself, then He is present. Oh, for more of the imperial sovereignty of Jesus. It is our liberty to be absolutely under His sway.

Will Jesus stay with us? He will if we arouse ourselves. He will not stay in a sleepy convention. To Him that hath shall be given, whether it be more sleep or more heavenly power. Let us arouse ourselves to the importance and interests of His Kingdom and He will stay here and bless us. We may not consider fiesh or blood, but demand of ourselves an entire devotion to all that concerns the holy cause.

He will if we worship, honor and giorify Him. His being is not more certain than His presence where two or three are assembled in His name. Let us right now resolve that the "Lord will we serve, and His voice will we obey."

He will stay if we work for Him. "Go and work in my vineyard" and I will give you your reward. Jesus stays where He finds His disciples working. Do something in the name of Jesus and you shall have something that will satisfy. Blessed are they whom when their Lord cometh shall find them so doing.

Spurgeon relates this beautiful legend: A monk had seen a beautiful vision of our Savior, and in silent bliss he was gazing upon it. The hour arrived at which it was his duty to feed the noor at the convent gate, He would fain have lingered in his cell to enjoy the vision, but under a sense of duty he tore himself away from it to perform his humble service. When he returned the blessed vision was

under a sense of duty he tore himself away from it to perform his humble service. When he returned the blessed vision was still waiting for him, and he heard a voice saying, "Hadst thou staid I would have gone. As thou hast gone and performed thy duty, I have remained."

Friends the windows of heaven are open, and if we do our part, and the spiritual atmosphere is tempered by our dent desire to receive and utilize His per er in the lines of duty, then will He m fest Himself in showers of benedicti

that will fall upon us, ever us. Amen. Professor and Mrs. Lowe, whose sweet voices have been heard at every state convention for the last five years, sang two duets and Dr. Stewart dis-missed the audience with a benediction.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC MEETING.

At the Academy of Music meeting the attendance was somewhat meagre at the outset, but as the evening wore on delegates kept coming in in twos and threes and oftimes large squads and before adjournment the parquet was comfortably filled. The vacant seats had a tendency to dampen the wonted Christian Endeavor enthusiasm, but the ardor and energy of the presiding officer, Rev. Charles Roads, of Philadelphia, checked this tendency and before the meeting had proceeded far, the convention was thoroughly warmed up and not a trace of the earlier chilliness was

descernable.

The decorations were quite as pretty and more elaborate than at any of the other meeting places. Radiating in all directions from the center of the cell-ing to the upper balcony and top of the proscenum were large streams of the convention colors, red and white. A gold fringed cloth of crimson, relieved at intervals with bannerets and "C. E." monograms, hid the railing of the gallery and draped along the entire length of the balcony was a rich and beautiful cloth of scarlet and gold, caught up with the monograms of blue and white and red and white. The box spaces

Poole accompanist, occupied grad-ually rising tiers of seats on the rear half of the stage, The chair-